

1 DELEGATE GLEASON: May I suggest to the sponsor
2 a little research before these amendments are proposed
3 might be in order because if he has the power to remove
4 such assistants then you have effectively removed the power
5 from the General Assembly, the power to put such assistants
6 under the merit system.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot.

8 DELEGATE CHABOT: If that is the consequence
9 of this language, because that is the power he now has, then
10 I would wish him to continue to have that power. I think
11 that we have seen just recently the potential consequences
12 in the case of one administrative agency in the county
13 of the General Assembly's power to shift around as partisan
14 politics dictates, the power of appointment of members
15 of a particular office and the objective of this was to
16 retain the same independence that the Attorney General
17 now has with regard to the matter of deputies and
18 assistants.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

20 DELEGATE GLEASON: May I suggest as my last
21 question or comment to the sponsor that you are -- that